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SPECIAL EDITOR'S NOTE: Can you believe another year is almost over! Where did this year go? Anyway, my family (wife/OPDX's chief proof-reader Linda, Teddy [TJ], Katie) and I (KB8NW) would like to wish all DXers, Contesters and OPDX readers a very "Happy Holiday and Season's Greetings". Also, we would like thank the many who have contributed information over the year (there are too many to list). REMEMBER, without them there would not be an OPDX Bulletin. I would also thank the many who sent holiday greetings. I tried to answer some, and wish I could answer each one of them individually, but it would take a huge amount of time. You would not believe the amount of E-mail I receive..... 73 and Have a Great Holiday de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 16/December, through Sunday, 23/December there were 233 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5V, 5W, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0A, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E3, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH4, KH6, KH8, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, R1FJ, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T2, T30, T32, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TU, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XZ, YB, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZL7, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

2002 INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION WEB SITE. The 2002 International DX Convention now has a Web site at: http://www.qsl.net/visalia2002/ The International DX Convention is held each year in Visalia, California, USA. The year 2002 will be the 53rd year for the convention and is presented this year by the Southern California DX Club.

5W & A3, WESTERN SAMOA AND TONGA (OH Pacific 2001-2002 DXpedition). There will be three Finish amateurs, OH3JR, OH1AWW and OH6KN, going to A3 and 5W. The main focus will be on the low bands (1.8-10 MHz) and QSOs to Europe. The operation dates for **5W**-land are **now through January 2nd** and for **A3**-land, **January 5-15th**. The operating frequencies will be on the following (+/- QRM and split up operation will be used):

- **CW** - 1822, 3503, 7003, 10105, 14005, 18075, 21005, 24895 and 28005
- **SSB** - 1845, 3790, 7050, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945 and 28495
- **RTTY** - 14080, 21080, 28070 +/- QRM and split up

There will be three stations in operation and antennas will be 1/2 element verticals / vertical dipoles for 1.8-28 MHz. QSL via OH3JR direct or via bureau. OH3JR's address is: Henri Olander, Helavalkeantie 15, 13270 Hameenlinna, Finland. The DXpedition's Web pages are at: http://www.qsl.net/ohpacific/ There will be a log search available depending on InterNet connection possibilities from the islands.

8Q, MALDIVES. Ian, G3TMA, will be doing a holiday operation from here from **December 31st through January 7th**. His callsign will be **8Q7IJ** (he received his license December 17th). Operation will be mostly CW. QSL via G3TMA.

AP, PAKISTAN. Sam, VE3XAP, informs OPDX that after 17 years he will be reactivating **AP2ZA** from CQ Zone 21, starting **December 26th** and running through the RAC Winter Contest **December 29th**. He will be returning on January 1st. Activity will be on all bands, 160-10 meters, mostly SSB, using a mixture of Yagis and Alpha Delta with high power. He prefers to run split if bands are open and activity is high. Look for him generally in the DX windows of the bands.

CORRECTIONS TO OPDX.541. Please note in last week's bulletin the Web site listed under "5U, NIGER (Update)" was incorrect. The Web site's URL address should have been: http://www.qsl.net/niger-2001/ Also, the QSL Manager listed under "9U, BURUNDI" was incorrect. The QSL route for 9U5D is **SM5BFJ** not SM5BFS as listed. Sorry for the mistakes, editor's fingers at times do get carried away.

DU, PHILIPPINES. Gerard, F2JD, has received his **DU1/G0SHN** license. Look for him to be active as **DU6/G0SHN** from **Boracay Island**, in the Visayas Island grooup (**OC-129**) now **through January 1st** with his IC708 and dipoles. He will be active on SSB and CW. QSL via F6AJA.

FG, GUADELOUPE. Look for Pierre, F6FXS, to be active from here starting **January 16th through February 7th**, as **FG/F6FXS** or **FG5/F6FXS**. Important reference numbers are: DXCC - FG, WAZ - 08 , IOTA - NA-102 and DIFO - FG001. Activity will be on HF bands, including the WARC bands, with his IC-706MKII (100 watts) and wire antennas. This will be a holiday style DXpedition. QSL via his home call direct with SASE or via bureau.

HC, ECUADOR. Dr. Rick Dorsch, NE8Z/**HC1MD**, will once again be active from Ecuador between **February 1-16th, 2002**. His activity will be on 80-10 meters CW/SSB. His equipment will be TS-850/SB200amp, 3 element tribander and 80-10m Carolina Windom. Dr. Rick will use the following callsigns from the following areas:

- **HC1MD** QTH: **Tumbaco**
- **HC1MD/HC1** QTH: **Pichincha Volcano**
- **HC1MD/HC3** QTH: **Loja**
- **HC1MD/HC4** QTH: **Sua**
- **HC1MD/HC4/p** QTH: IOTA **SA-056** 100w/dipole/12vdc
- **HC1MD/HC5** QTH: **Cuenca**

Rick states, "Any assistance in helping me locate and work the following countries for my HC1MD DXCC would be greatly appreciated: 4W-East Timor, YA5T, P5/4L4FN and FO/Australs." His E-mail address is: ne8z@yahoo.com QSL via K8LJG: John Kroll, 3528 Craig Drive, Flint, Michigan 48506 Please view the --> HC/HD DX Award "Equatorial Line Diploma" at: http://www.octavia.com/qsl/awards.htm

HF0, SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS. Miroslaw Stefansky is expected to be active as **HF0POL** from the Polish base "**Hanryk Arctowsky**" on **King George Island** (**AN-010**) from **January 1st through December 31st, 2002**. He plans to operate CW/RTTY/PSK-31 on all bands, WARC included. Watch for him on the usual DX frequencies. QSL via SQ5TA.

HS, THAILAND. Dave, W3VK, has been assigned to the U.S. embassy in Thailand and is now using the callsign **HS0ZDP**.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **NA-079**. On January 5-6th, look for Ralph, **K8RYU**, to operate from **Dry Tortugas**. He plans to be on 40-10 meters, mostly CW with some SSB. Ralph will be using a K2 and a vertical and/or dipole for antennas. Look for him around the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL to his home call.
- **OC-215**. Adhi YC3MM, will be active as **YC3MM/P** from **Madura Island**, **January 3-4th**. Activity will be 15 meters CW only. More details are forthcoming.

KH1, BAKER ISLAND. Hrane, YT1AD, will lead a team here next year. His team plans to set sail from the Fiji Islands on April 25th. The trip is expected to take 6 days to get to this rare island. The group will stay for 10 days and plan to be on all bands. After the DXpedition the team will head back to the Fiji Islands and then on to the Dayton Hamvention. The DXpedition is expected to cost 50,000 (USD) and donations are being sought. More details are forthcoming.

KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS. Nozomu, JE8KKX, is planning to go to **Saipan** and be active as **AH2K/KH0** between **January 3-6th**. His activity will be on 40-6 meters bands CW/SSB. If time permits, he would like to try 160m, 80m and the WARC bands. QSL via JE8KKX: Nozomu Takahashi, 2-5, 5chome 18jo Toko, Asahikawa, Hokkaido, 078-8358 Japan.

LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY.....

- **LCL 2001 HAS BEGAN**! Just a reminder that all participants in the Amateur Radio

Lighthouse Society's (ARLHS) Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party (LCL 2001) will be eligible to receive a Harbour Lights miniature lighthouse collectible. This second annual edition of the popular event started at 0000z December 22nd and goes through January 2, 2002. (Please refer to OPDX.536). Complete details on frequencies, exchanges, scoring, certificates and prizes can be found on the ARLHS organization's Web site at: http://www.arlhs.com

- Steve, VK6VZ, will be operating as **VK6VZ/6** from Australia's first lighthouse located at **Cape Leeuwin** (grid OF75), 9 km north of Augusta and around 300 km south of Perth. Cape Leeuwin is located on a promontory and marks the place on the Western Australian coastline where the Southern and Indian Oceans meet. His activity will include an entry in the Stew Perry Topband Distance Challenge on December 29-30th. The lighthouse balcony is around 39 meters above ground and for the contest an inverted vee dipole will be sited there giving the antenna apex an effective height of approaching 100 meters over the sea which surrounds the lighthouse on three sides. The only problem is that Cape Leeuwin is probably the windiest place in Western Australia, so keeping an antenna in the air could be tricky! Transmission may be done between 1810 and 1815 with QSX 10-15 kHz up the band in the spirit of the old W1BB trans-Pacific QSOs. As the operation is LP, if operation takes place higher in the band (i.e. 1820 - 1835), QSX up 1 is likely to be used. A special QSL card commemorating the operation will be available for those who contact VK6VZ/6 at Cape Leeuwin.

P5, NORTH KOREA (Not Me!). Several **P5/HA0HW** spots were posted on the cluster networks this past week. Laci, HA0HW, reports that it was **NOT** him (but wished it was true). He recommends to not make contacts, or do not spot this callsign, and do not send QSL requests because all are pirate operation. He also stated that if he goes somewhere aboard it will be published or announced first in a DX bulletin or on a DX Mailing List before he leaves.

P5, NORTH KOREA. Toma, YU1AB, informs OPDX that Hrane/YT1AD and Voja/YU7AV are in Pyngyang still trying to get license. All operations heard on the air this past week were **pirates**.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **CHESTERFIELD (TX0DX) QSL OPERATIONS** (A message from OH2BH): "It is now 20 months from the date TX0DX hit the airwaves and provided a new counter for those who Deserve. We are delighted to inform the DX community that all QSLs--direct, bureau, and even for those who did not ever claim their cards--have been released into the QSL network. In the U.S, TX0DX cards were sent directly to Newington from where they were distribited to area QSL bureaus some two weeks ago. The JA cards were taken to JARL in Tokyo and the rest were released through OH QSL bureau. The job is now 100 percent completed. The TX0DX expedition is delighted to recognize several sub-QSL managers that did a splendid job. Those outside of the TX0DX operating team were N4GN, OH1BV, OH2BAD and OH2BN."
- **NO QSL BUREAU**. Clayton, KG4PK, is the president of the **Guantanamo Bay** KG4AN radio club. He reports that there is NO QSL Bureau in GTMO. All cards should be sent direct to home callsigns or via bureau to their home callsign and not to the KG4 calls.
- OPDX has been informed that **LU5DX** has a new QSL Manager as of December 2001. QSL via AC7DX.

- QSL Manager Bert, PA1KW, reports that QSL cards for **LX9SW** which was activated by Dutch operators from September 15-22nd, will be sent in about the fourth week in the year 2002. The printers have had them for about 2 weeks in Germany.
- PLEASE UPDATE your QSL databases for **TG9AJR**. QSL to: Juan Carlos Munoz, P.O. Box 61 Periferico, Guatemala 01011, GUATEMALA or via QSL Manager WA1ECA.
- Rudi, ZS6DX/V51VE, reports that he has been receiving cards for **3C0A**, for contacts made on May 2001 on 10 MHz. He is stating that he is not the QSL manager. The station 3C0A is reportedly a PIRATE!

S7, SEYCHELLES. Karesz, HA8EU, will be active from **Mahe Island** as **S79EU** between **January 28th and February 18th**. Activity will be on 40-10 meters, primarily on CW with some SSB. QSL via **HA2NM**, direct or Bureau.

SILENT KEY. It is with great sorrow to report the passing of a good friend and member of NODXA, QSL Manager Fritz Stefan Bergner, **DL7VRO**. Last Sunday, (December 16th) Fritz became a silent key. His death was unexpected and caught many of his friends and family by suprise. He is survived by Gerda (DL7VYL) his wife, 2 children, 3 grandchildren and his son-in-law Roy (DL7UBA). Most of you know him as a very active and reliable QSL Manager for about 50 callsigns. But he also was an active DXer with more than 325 countries confirmed, holder of 5-Band-DXCC and a successful contester. He organized and took part in a couple of DXpeditions (e.g. TN2M/TN4U, 8Q7IO, ED8CMT) and IOTA activities (DL, OZ, SP) even while he was sitting in a wheelchair. Everybody who knew him personally will agree he had a great personality and a man with heart and charisma. The members of NODXA, the readers of the OPDX and the DX community would like to send our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of DL7VRO. He will be surely missed. ADDED NOTE: Birgit, DL7IQ, informed your editor that Roy, DL7UBA, Fritz's son-in-law will take over Fritz's QSLing chores for the time being for DXpeditions of the past. He has the same postal address. Holger, DL7IO, also mentioned that Fritz was up-to-date on all his QSLing chores. He did not leave any QSLs to be answered!

SPECIAL EVENT. Special event station **K1D** will be active **now through January 5th** to encourage participation in **Kid's Day** (**January 5th**). Look for activity on 28370, 21370, 14270 and 3895 kHz. The operators will be Peter/W1DAD and Jeanne/K1MOM Schipelliti, 7 Dearborn Ridge Rd, Atkinson, NH 03811, USA. A free (via E-mail) K1MOM Amateur Radio Coloring Book for children, including operating aids for Kid's Day, log sheet, WAS map to color in, and phonetic alphabet is available from k1mom@arrl.net.

TF, ICELAND. Thor Stefansson, 4W6MM, is back in Iceland as **TF3MM** now **through January 10th**. He was heard on 14002 kHz around 2200z. QSL TF3MM only via the TF bureau.

V5, NAMIBIA. Rudi, ZS6DX, will be active as **V51VE** from **Windhoek** after Christmas. QSLs for both V51KV (Katti who was active before Christmas) and V51VE go via ZS6DX, direct or via Bureau.

VK9, NORFOLK ISLAND. Look for Bernd, VK2IA/DL1VJ, to be active as **VK9AA/9** beginning **Dec 23rd**, for about **7 days** on Norfolk Island. He will be active mostly on CW on the WARC bands. QSL via DL8YR.

VP6/D, DUCIE ISLAND. Bill Kennamer, K5NX, sent out a press release this week by Tom Christian, VP6TC, President PIARA, with more details on the upcoming Ducie Island DXpedition (OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the complete press release as an additional bulletin). Excerpts from the press release state after weather conditions near Ducie Island did not permit landing in November, the Pitcairn Island Amateur Radio Association (PIARA) announces that all planning is now complete for their second attempt to activate Ducie Island. The group will depart from Mangareva on March 12th, on the ship Braveheart which is more adequate for the task. They will use a VP6 callsign to be announced at the beginning of the operation, and plan to be operational as soon as possible after arriving upon the island. Operators will be: VP6TC, VP6DB, VP6AZ, VP6MW, VP6BK/JA1BK, JA3USA, JF1IST, K9AJ, and K5VT. Randy, an SWL, will be going to provide additional logistical support. QSL Manager is Garth Hamilton, VE3HO, for all HF operations only. QSL manager for 6 Meter operation is JA1BK. Log checks will be available at: http://www.big.or.jp/~ham/dx.html Once again the groups operating are intended to provide contacts with as many different Amateur Radio operators as possible during their stay on the island. The band plan is as follows:

- 21.020 Mhz (CW) and 21.295 Mhz (SSB) will be QRV 24 hours each day. This is to allow more individuals to find and work the group, depending upon propagation to their area.
- 28.495 Mhz, and 14.195 Mhz will be the prime SSB frequencies, and 14.020 Mhz will be the prime CW frequency other than 15 meters.
- It is planned that there will be some operation on all bands, 160-6 meters, and RTTY in addition to SSB and CW operations. It is expected that Low Band and WARC operations are more likely to take place in the last days of the operation since concentration from the beginning will be to allow as many operators as possible to work this new DXCC Entity.

For the latest updates on this operation, it is recommend to watch the following Web sites: http://www.qsl.net/wd4ngb/ducie.htm http://www.ve3ho.com/ve3ho-qslmgr.htm

XR0, SAN FELIX ISLAND. A radio amateur expedition to San Felix Island will be conducted **March 12-30th, 2002**, using the callsign **XR0X**. Lying 900 km northwest of Valparaiso, San Felix is a barren rocky island about 3 km across, with two small islets nearby. Access to the site is restricted, due to the presence of a military garrison there. Little is known of the natural history of the island or of its possible prehistoric importance. The major goal of this expedition is provide radio contact with this remote and seldom-activated island. Secondary goals include documenting indigenous species and searching for evidence of ancient occupation. The expedition is being organized and led by Carlos G-Nascimento, NP4IW/CE3AQI, who was a principal organizer of the 1995 Easter Island/Salas y Gomez (XROX/Y) and the 1997 Heard Island (VK0IR) expeditions. The project is being carried out in conjunction with Cordell Expeditions (Robert Schmieder, KK6EK), a nonprofit organization that has carried out expeditions to remote sites for more than 20 years. All permits, including landing, radio operation, and specimen collections have been obtained. The 13-member team includes the following radio amateurs: NP4IW, K5AB, I8NHJ, N7CQQ, DJ9ZB, CE0YWS, N6MZ, KO4RR, KK6EK, W6KK, HB9AHL, K5AND and N6TQS. The team and a 20-ft. container of gear will travel from Valparaiso (Chile) to San Felix aboard the Chilean Navy vessel Chacabuco, and be airlifted on the island by Chilean Navy helicopter. The vessel will then proceed on to Easter Island, leaving the team on San Felix. Returning 2 weeks later, the vessel

will retrieve the crew and gear and then return to Valparaiso. The expedition is being financed by the participants, supplemented by donations from DX associations, radio clubs, and individuals. Contributions made to the expedition through Cordell Expeditions are eligible for deduction as a donation to a 501(c)(3) organization. The San Felix Expedition Web site is: http://www.cordell.org/SFX/ For more information, please contact: Carlos George-Nascimento (NP4IW/CE3AQI) 2061 Magnolia Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94595 Tel/Fax: 925-935-2768 or E-mail: cgnascim@attbi.com

XV9, SPRATLY. The Vietnam Amateur Radio Club (VARC) is planning to be on the Spratly Islands (**AS-051**) during **April 2002** with the callsign **XV9TH**, however the specific dates are currently unknown. More details are to follow.

ZONE 18. Yuri, **UA0SJ**, can sometimes be found on 20 meters SSB (between 14180 and 14200 kHz) after 0200z. He lives in the city called **Bratsk**, about 600 kilometers north from Lake Baikal. His equipment is a Kenwood TS-50S with AT-50 (100watt only) into a KT-34a antenna. Please send QSL via direct only: Yuri A. Maltsev, P.O. Box 2304, Bratsk-city, 665700, Russia, Asiatic. His E-mail address is: ua0sj@mail.ru

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